

# City of Willoughby Hills Fire Department

Established in 1947 as a volunteer department to protect the southern-most portion of Willoughby Township, WHFD has grown in to a full-service all-hazards fire department proudly serving the residents and visitors of the City of Willoughby Hills and the Village of Waite Hill. The department consists of 10 career and approximately 30 part-time members under the direction of Chief Richard A. Harmon. Responding to nearly 1,700 requests for service annually, WHFD also works closely with neighboring fire departments through automatic and mutual aid agreements and is an active member of the West Lake County Fire Investigation Unit, Lake County Hazardous Intervention Team, and the Hillcrest Technical Rescue Team.



# 2011



# Annual Report

**It is my pleasure to represent the outstanding members of the Fire Department. Our mission simply stated is: "To provide exceptional service." During 2011 our need to deliver exceptional service was put to the test responding to 1,614 requests for emergency service, making it the busiest year in the department's sixty-five year history.**

**Achieving our mission in 2011 took the dedication, hard work, training, and the support of many. Mayor Weger has placed his focus on Safety and Service to our residents; helping to pave the way to a safer community. The members of the Fire Department are ready to serve and are proud to represent our community.**

**We are not immune to the difficult times that our nation is facing. This has resulted in certain reductions, but not in our commitment to provide excellent service. Mayor Weger along with his directors and department heads work well together to ensure service delivery. And, as it relates to the Fire Department, long term plans for staffing, response and vehicle replacement are being developed.**

**In addition to our emergency services, our department is actively involved within our community, region, state, and at the federal level. Our public education activities reached over 4,000 people last year; programs such as "Touch-A-Truck", Leadership Lake County, Smoke Detector program, and Safety Education at Edison Elementary continue to be a success.**

**Certain members of the Department have specialized response training for: structural collapse, water, tower, trench, confined space and high angle rope rescue. Additionally, our department is part of the Lake County Hazardous Materials Response Team, Western Lake County Fire Investigation, LEPC, The Hillcrest Technical Rescue Team and Western Lake County SWAT.**



# **Review**



As with many professions, the position of Fire Chief has many duties. One of the duties I enjoy the most is telling others about our dedicated members. The following employees continually exemplify their commitment to service beyond their normal scope of duties.

**Lt. Louis DiMattia:** Assisted our County Hazardous Materials Team in becoming one of the three highest rated teams in the State. Lt. DiMattia is also a member of the Hazardous- Materials response team, Fire Investigation Team, CPR instructor, and Fire Department Training Officer, to name a few. And, in his spare time, maintains the Department Facebook Page, Twitter account and was instrumental in the creation of this report.

**Lt. Patricia Heller:** Has for many years directed and conducted Safety Programs for Edison Elementary along with bicycle safety, obtaining grants for helmets and coordinates “Toys for Tots” collection.

**FF. Dan Clayton:** Dan is the first firefighter to become a member of the Western Lake County SWAT team. FF. Clayton through his own initiative achieved the certification of SWAT Medic. Firefighter Clayton is also a member of the Hillcrest Technical Rescue Team. FF Clayton also coordinates the annual MDA fund raising Fill the Boot event.

**FF. Jill Baus and FF. Nikki Hoffmann:** Over the past five years, thousands of people have enjoyed the “Touch-A-Truck” event. Months before the event, these two Firefighters do the “Leg-Work” to put this event on each year and with much success.

We are fortunate to have these leaders and all of our department members who show up to ensure a successful outcome at every fire department sponsored event. Behind the scenes, there is a small army of workers who often go unnoticed, until now.

Many programs such as “Touch-A-Truck” include several city departments such as the Police Department, Service Department, Recreation Department and The Mayor’s Office. All of whom give their best in providing assistance when needed. On behalf of the Fire Department a special thank you to the Mayor’s Executive Assistant Gloria Majeski, for her continual help and support. There is never a job too big for Gloria to lend her time and organizational skills to. And, she still finds time to bring baked goods...

Because of the continued support of the Mayor, his staff, City Council as well as the other City Departments and supporting governmental agencies, we continue to deliver fast, efficient, and effective service provided by well-trained, courteous and compassionate emergency responders.

Our level of service has a direct impact on the quality of life in our community. We are proud to safeguard the health and safety of our citizens by providing the highest quality of service available.

To all the members of this fine organization, thank you for your dedication and continued commitment to excellence.

**Richard A. Harmon**

**Fire Chief, OFE**



# Review

**Organization of WHFD's Honor Guard unit. First detail is 9|11 ceremony at WH Community Center.**



**New Car 1211**



**New Car 1217**



**EMERGENCY  
REPORTING™**

**Adoption of Emergency Reporting web-based incident reporting and station records management program.**

**Highlights**



### 1<sup>ST</sup> DUE RESPONSE DISTRICT

Willoughby Hills ..... 10.9 square miles  
Population ..... 9,485  
Waite Hill ..... 4.3 square miles  
Population ..... 338  
Cleveland Metroparks ..... 2.8 square miles  
**Total Area ..... 17.0 square miles**  
**Total Resident Population ..... 9,823**

### DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Total Personnel ..... 38  
Full-time ..... 11  
Part-time ..... 27  
ISO Rating ..... 4

### RUN DATA

**Total Runs ..... 1,614**

**Total Fire/Rescue ..... 625**  
*Working Fires ..... 36*  
Fire Alarms / Hazardous Conditions... 153  
*Crash/Trapped/Tech/HazMat ..... 117*  
*Service / Good Intent ..... 319*  
**Total EMS ..... 989**

### PATIENT TRANSPORTS

**Total ..... 1,180**

University Hospitals ..... 389  
Cleveland Clinic ..... 358  
Lake Health ..... 280  
No Transport ..... 153

### 1<sup>ST</sup> DUE DISTRICT ZONES

Zone 1 (E. of Rockefeller Rd.) ..... 957  
Zone 2 (W. of Rockefeller Rd.) ..... 576  
Zone 3 (Waite Hill) ..... 47  
Zone 4 (Metroparks) ..... 6

### TYPE OF ALARM

Regular ..... 1,361  
Double Hit ..... 237  
Walk-In ..... 16

### AID GIVEN/RECEIVED

Mutual Aid Given ..... 95  
Mutual Aid Received ..... 46  
Automatic Aid Given ..... 16  
Automatic Aid Received ..... 18  
Special Teams Callouts ..... 11

### AID DISTRICT RUNS (TOP 5)

Wickliffe ..... 41  
Willoughby ..... 22  
Kirtland ..... 22  
Richmond Heights ..... 13  
Mayfield Village ..... 11

### OCCUPANCY RUNS (TOP 5)

2250 Par Ln. (Pine Ridge) ..... 99  
2570 SOM Center (CCF)..... 81  
Interstate 90 ..... 69  
27600 Chardon Rd. (WH Towers) ..... 59  
27400 Chardon Rd. (WH Towers)..... 50

### APPARATUS RUNS

Car 1211 ..... 715  
Medic 1222 ..... 476  
Medic 1212 ..... 816  
Engine 1213 ..... 486  
Car 1217 ..... 101  
Tower 1219 ..... 50  
Engine 1214 ..... 63  
Chief 1200 ..... 12

### MISCELLANEOUS

Training ..... 2,000+ staff hours  
Public Relations/Ed. .... 800+ staff hours

# 2011 Statistics

# **2011 WHFD ROSTER**



## **ADMINISTRATION**

**RICHARD HARMON, FIRE CHIEF**  
**STEPHANIE NERO, FIRE CHIEF'S SECRETARY**  
**THOMAS TALCOTT, ASSISTANT CHIEF (PART-TIME)**

## **A-SHIFT**

**CAPT. SANDRA LESKO**  
**LT. TIMOTHY SERAZIN**  
**FF. JOHN D. CLAYTON**

## **B-SHIFT**

**CAPT. CHRISTOPHER NIESS**  
**LT. PATRICIA HELLER**  
**FF. STEVEN LUCIC**

## **C-SHIFT**

**CAPT. BRIAN HRIC**  
**LT. LOUIS DIMATTIA**  
**FF. TIMOTHY MACKEY**

## **PART-TIME**

**FF. DANIEL BAUCCO**  
**FF. DAVID BIGGERT**  
**FF. DALE CUBRANICH**  
**FF. JONATHAN HAVEL**  
**FF. BRIAN HUDAK**  
**FF. GREGORY KESSLER**  
**FF. MICAH NERONE**  
**FF. JEFFREY PLANISEK**  
**FF. BENJAMIN ROBINSON**  
**FF. ANDREW SPISAK**  
**FF. DIANA WOLF**

**FF. JILL BAUS**  
**FF. JASON BROTHERS**  
**FF. JUSTIN CUBRANICH**  
**FF. NICOLINA HOFFMANN**  
**FF. DOUGLAS KAMIS**  
**FF. LANCE MALONE**  
**FF. SEAN PATITUCCI**  
**FF. MATTHEW PREUER**  
**FF. LAWRENCE SMEDLEY**  
**FF. ROBERT VENCL**  
**FF. TAYA WORKUM**

**FF. TIMOTHY BECK**  
**FF. JAMES CARVER**  
**FF. ROBERT DISANTO**  
**FF. AMANDA HORVATH**  
**FF. KEITH KANNER**  
**FF. DAVID MOHR**  
**FF. JAMES PERKOVICH**  
**FF. DAMON RAHZ**  
**FF. BRIEN SPANGENBERG**  
**FF. GREGORY VENTURA**



# **Roster**



# Smoke Detectors Save Lives.



For news, pics, and more, check us out on Facebook!  
[www.facebook.com/WHFireRescue](http://www.facebook.com/WHFireRescue)



For news and information, follow us on Twitter!  
[www.twitter.com/WHFireRescue](http://www.twitter.com/WHFireRescue)



**Willoughby Hills Fire Department**  
**35405 Chardon Road**  
**Willoughby Hills, OH 44094**  
**Phone 440-918-8711**  
**Fax 440-975-3534**